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TYPHUS GERMS AND COUNCIL

Authorities Should Commence a Battle at Once.

"RESOLVING" WONT DO

Constant Talk of What the "Other Fellow" Ought to do Will not Abate Gutter Nuisance and Stench.

The odoriferous mud in the gutters along Wilson street and Illinois avenue has been dug out and stirred up several times only to be washed back by the first rain. Much of the sickness in town can be ascribed to these green pools of typhoid and malarial germs.

Tuesday Dr. Louis Bagby and Col. Soper stirred up a little themselves in discussing the best method of abating the nuisance. The mud and refuse cannot be flushed out with the present ditches that fail the purpose of gutters. A scavenger is paid to remove refuse stuff but it seems his duties in hauling away private accumulations takes so much time that he cannot attend to the black and green mud of the gutters.

From statements made it appears that the members of the board of health have recommended action time and time again but "we do hereby resolve and do ordain" by the council does not remove the stench. Those typhoid germs have no realization of the fact that the people don't want them about. At any rate they will never leave our town because the "town council met and resolved."

In some places it is deemed criminal for authorities to permit such a stench to endure. If it is the duty of the property owner to abate the nuisance it certainly is the duty of some official to compel them to act. Everybody condemns the condition of the gutters, yet a compulsory order to make them sanitary would no doubt cause some who might be compelled to spend a dollar or two for the good of the people's health, to rise up and kick. Let them kick—there's no municipal election in the near future.

Sam Ridenhour has used the fire apparatus to flush the ditches but it does no good as there is no drainage. He can do nothing further until new gutters are constructed. In the meantime the word passes from mouth to mouth that some friend has been attacked by the microbes that are generated in the ditches and will multiply until a "bold front is made" and the council peremptorily orders property owners to act. One or two men in the council cannot do this. All the members should act in unison for the public weal.

There is a ton, more or less, of formaldehyde stored in the council chambers. Pull the corks from the vats and let the ammonia-like odor permeate the atmosphere and neutralize the gutter stench. One may not be more pleasant than the other but this constant sameness is wearing on the olfactory. Then let the talk of what the other fellow ought to do continue until a fall of snow comes to cover up the city's shame.

Cherokee Club Dance.

An informal dance was held at the Cherokee Club rooms Monday night. Those present were: Misses Gladie Lee, Bertha Thomason, Pauline Kelley, Louise Hall, Roberts, Mabel Bagby, Edlie Burns, Blanche O'Brien, Laura Joseph, Mabel Joseph, Carrie Stevens, Messrs Robert Lee, Wilton Batcliff, Fred Batcliff, Hendrix Brewer, Morris Helms, Edgar Buffington, Charles Wilson, Roy Warner, Price, Lyle Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Al Etchens, Mr. and Mrs. Vance McSpadden, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lee. Out of town guests: Miss Graham, Kansas City; Miss Wendell, Neosho; Mr. Etchens, Coffeyville; Mr. Rushyhead, Tahlequah.

The Inola State Bank.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Inola State bank. The capital stock of the bank is \$10,000. The officers are D. Koenig, president; H. Hayter, vice president; J. Koenig, secretary and treasurer.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

College Faculty Gave Charming Entertainment.

Talent, as displayed at the recital at the Methodist church Monday night is rare, indeed.

Professors Flora and Crecelius and Mrs. Flora, of the faculty of Willies Halsell college, gave a musicale and recital that was enjoyed by a large audience, who were most pleasantly surprised, having attended with the expectation of hearing an ordinary, mediocre exhibition of amateur performers, notwithstanding the words of praise that have been heaped upon the lady and the two gentlemen by those acquainted with their ability.

The church auditorium was comfortably filled when Prof. Jordan humorously presented his associate teachers. The three alternated in vocal and piano solos and recitations. All are artists. Mr. Flora's singing and violin playing, Mrs. Flora's charming piano solos and the interpretations of Mr. Crecelius evoked much applause.

Especially interesting were the rendition of the "Chariot Race," a countryman's description of the effect Rubenstein's playing had upon him, and a scene from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Another recital will be given in about three weeks, when Mr. Crecelius will present Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The professor will organize classes in physical culture, expression and Shakespeare and Mr. and Mrs. Flora will teach music to all who desire.

Bunch of Cherokees.

There was a big bunch of Cherokees here this morning looking after business matters before the agent and at other government offices. Among them are William P. Thompson, M. Wilson, T. M. Buffington, Hoollie Bell, Jim Davenport, and others.—Muskogee Times.

MISSISSIPPI LIMESTONE

Drillers Went Through it Without Knowing it.

For use as evidence in the lawsuit between the Downingville oil company and Spicher & Co., contractors, the attorneys have bottles containing layers of drillings from the well.

The contract was that the drillers would go down to the impenetrable Mississippi limestone. It appears that the contractors in this well, as they have in all the artesian wells, penetrated the limestone without knowing it.

M. C. Rider, chief clerk of the department of the interior, says:

"The Mississippian limestone outcrops less than a mile south and east of the town (Vinita). It cannot therefore be very deep under the town. If the maps can be relied upon, a boring of less than 100 feet in the town would strike the top of the limestone."

Geologist Erasmus Hayworth, of the University of Kansas, writes: "I am of the opinion that the Mississippian limestone leaves the surface at Vinita, but I am not sure about it. I know it does only a short distance east and think it does right at the town. It crosses the state line a little west of Baxter Springs and is only a few feet under the surface all over the Quapan Agency. As we go south from the state line the rocks dip to the west with increasing rapidity so that by the time the Arkansas river is reached they dip an average of from 80 to 90 feet to the mile. In this way we may have the Mississippian at the surface at one place and good oil formations much closer to the west than is possible in Southern Kansas."

Our Bank is Healthy.

The statement of the First National bank as certified to shows a most healthy condition of the bank. Over \$127,000 is placed on deposit not subject to check. This deposit is but a fraction of the amount placed on time or interest deposits. Not many years ago, when this was a cattle country, the raisers of beef had much money and our bank deposits exceeded those of Muskogee. Now we are behind, yet, when we are only one of five banks it shows our people to be prosperous.

OF INTEREST TO ALLOTTEES

Holders of Return Numbers Admitted One Day in Month

LAND OFFICE RULING

New System of Announcing Call at Tahlequah Office—Admission Tickets Begin With Lowest Number.

The following orders of the Dawes Commission have been posted at the Cherokee land office and will be at once put into effect:

"In admitting persons to the Cherokee land office in the future allottees holding return numbers will be admitted only on the first Monday in each month. This order will be effective beginning with the month of October. In the meantime allottees having return numbers will be admitted on Monday of each week until October.

"Beginning with Monday, September 19, the call of admission tickets will begin with the lowest number and run up until the last ticket issued has been called on the following plan: The call each day of the week will begin with the number at each call stopped on the last day of the week preceding, not counting Saturdays."

A BUSY OFFICIAL.

Assistant District Attorney Rider Preparing for Grand Jury Work.

The grand jury that will be convened early next month will have an immense labor to perform. They will be coached by Deputy Federal Attorney O. L. Rider, whose work in preparing and presenting the evidence; preparing the indictments, so that no technical flaws can be found, is no small task.

Already there are 97 cases to be heard and these involve the examination of from three to ten witnesses each. About thirty additional cases will be sent in between now and the time the jury meets.

In addition to that, investigations of other than criminal charges will be made. Mr. Rider is now, and has been for a month past busy in arranging matters so that the work when the jury meets can be expedited.

The official presents the evidence and, when called upon, expresses an opinion as to whether a conviction can be had before the trial jury. The question of finding an indictment, however, is left with the jury, Mr. Rider not attempting to influence them one way or the other.

ACTIVITY OF THE BREWERS

There'll be Something Doing When Statehood Comes.

A Muskogee correspondent of the metropolitan press is excited about what he calls the advance preparations for the sale of intoxicants when statehood comes to the Indian Territory. According to this eminent authority, the brewers are already on the spot securing options on lots and business houses in various towns throughout the Territory to be used for saloon purposes.

Six of the best business houses in Ardmore, it is said, have been leased in this way.

Public School Opening.

Over 300 bright, cheerful, well-dressed, active children enrolled as pupils of the public schools Monday. The members of the school board visited the white and colored schools and arranged for new seats and attended to other small details. The schools are starting with the promise that the coming will be the most successful year of their history.

Used for Pneumonia.

Dr. C. J. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Refuse substitutes. For sale at People's drug store. dw

MAY EXTEND TIME.

Congress to be Asked to Further Tie Up Indian Lands.

As a further step to protect the interests of the Indians, J. B. Shoenfelt, Indian agent for the five civilized tribes, has announced that he will recommend to the Interior department at Washington that congress be asked to pass a bill this winter extending the restrictions on the sale of Indian lands for at least five years from the time they will become alienable under the present agreements.

The agent believes that this action will be necessary to prevent a large part of the holdings of the Indians from falling into the hands of non-resident speculators who will take advantage of the Indians' ignorance as to the value of their ground to buy it for a song.

Temperance Address.

By reason of the thunder and electrical storm last evening there was only a small attendance at the temperance rally at the Methodist church. Rev. P. A. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, stated that he would speak only a few moments. As the eloquent gentleman became more and more warmed up to his subject he consumed upwards of half an hour delivering one of the best addresses ever heard in the city.

"Katy" Seven Day Tickets.

An idea is prevalent that the World's Fair coach excursion tickets by the M. K. & T. R'y. are good only seven days from date of starting to date of return to original starting point. This is wrong. For example: If the trip to St. Louis occupies twelve hours and you leave home Wednesday morning your ticket will be good to leave St. Louis the following Wednesday evening, arriving home Thursday noon, making practically nine days.

INVESTIGATION TO BE EXTENDED

Muskogee Offices Will be Probed for Fraud.

Word has been received at the Interior department that Inspector Frank Conser has completed the investigation at the Tishomingo land office in Indian Territory, and that his report is on its way to Washington, says a dispatch from that city.

Commissioner Jones of the Indian office has said that he had no intimation as to the contents of the report. While the higher officials at the department refuse absolutely to discuss the subject, it is whispered by others that the Conser report will compromise some of the men high up in the administrative affairs of Indian Territory.

The report is expected to arrive in Washington early this week. It is not improbable that a similar investigation of the Muskogee office will be ordered shortly. What is most likely to cause this probing is the statement of a certain implicated clerk at the Tishomingo hearing, in which that person, in justification, stated that he saw no reason why they should be so hard on him for one offense, when he had refused more money for the same thing when he was in the office of the Commissioner at Muskogee.

TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION.

Order Restraining Certain Farmers From Interfering.

Judge Gill late yesterday afternoon granted a temporary injunction restraining four members of Charles Dasheen's family and the family of W. H. Hampton from interfering with the setting of poles and the stringing of telephone wires.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company allege that they have secured the right-of-way, and have completed their line from Danison to Seneca, with the exception of a small strip across the old Shawnee reservation, owned by the defendants. The latter, they aver, have resisted the building of the line.

Graffunder Sold Out.

Bruno Graffunder has sold his interest in the Graffunder & Smiley second hand store, on South Wilson street, to his partner, Mr. Smiley, and will leave next Monday for Canada. He will leave his family here until spring.

SPECIAL DAY FOR TERRITORY

Appropriate Exercises—Fruit to be Distributed.

SPEAKING AND MUSIC

Judge Charles B. Stuart, of South McAlester, Will Deliver the Principal Oration of the Day.

The programme for Indian Territory day at the World's Fair October 1, has been given out by Executive Commissioner Frank C. Hubbard and will be carried out by both the representatives of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

A programme will be given at 11 o'clock in the morning, to be followed in the afternoon by informal vocal and instrumental musical selections, addresses and readings, which will be given in the Indian Territory building. Several towns are arranging for special features for the day. Fruits and souvenirs will also be distributed by some of the towns in the territory and in the evening from 9 o'clock to 11 o'clock a reception and dance will be held in the territorial pavilion parlors. The programme for the day is as follows:

Invocation; address of welcome, David R. Francis; music by Indian band; response on behalf of Indian Territory, Gen. Pleasant Porter, principal chief of the Creek Indians, musical selection; address, Chas. B. Stuart, South McAlester, I. T.; music by Indian band; address T. B. Ferguson, governor of Oklahoma, musical selection.

ON A HUNTING TRIP

C. A. Davidson and Dr. Amundson Have Sport Afield.

Charley Davidson and Dr. Amundson went far afield at daylight Monday morning on an announced hunting trip. They loaded their shells for prairie chickens and gave their friends to understand that there would be a big feast this evening with wild game prepared in every known style.

Leaving the buggy Dr. Amundson approached a flock of birds, with all the care of an old hunter displaying a fine knowledge of woodcraft. His skill enabled him to come within a few yards of the feeding and unconscious game. He arose, in order not to make a pot shot, and fired the contents of both barrels of the gun. The doctor secured a chicken and yelled the glad news across the field to his comrade. Just then an angry farmer came from a house that was hidden from the hunter's vision by trees.

About noon the hunters gathered up their bag of game and started home. Mr. Davidson threw the birds down on his kitchen table with the manner of a man who could have killed more if he wanted to unnecessarily slaughter them, and said to the cook: "I got hunting down in a swale and secured these three ducks. The doctor killed this pheasant and a chicken but he gave the chicken away."

The cook looked astonished for a minute and then, taking courage, replied: "I jus' don't care Mistah Davidson if you charge me now but I jus' won't cook no three mud hens and a hawk for you or no doctor man either." Charley looked at his friend. Dr. Amundson looked at his watch and softly murmured as he escaped from the presence of the amused cook: "I must be going."

Sprains.

S. A. Reed, Olisco, Texas, writes, March 11th, 1901: "My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless; and after using several remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment, and was cured. I earnestly recommend it to any one suffering from sprains." 25c, 50c, \$1.10. Sold by Peoples' drug store.

THE CEMETERY ROAD.

Approach to a Culvert is Impossible—Many Rough Places.

The road to the cemetery is almost impassable and its condition is certainly a disgrace to the city.

The "city of the dead" is beyond the town limits but is controlled and is under the rule of the municipal officers. Some work has recently been done on the road, but it has been left in places in worse shape than it was before.

A new culvert in the road is about two feet above the road level, and a few loads of dirt or gravel at each end would make it possible for teams to approach. As it is a detour from the road must be made down through a mud bog.

A Kitchen Fight.

Ed Tingle, a hotel waiter, appeared at the court house Monday with his clothes torn, nose battered, several scratches and a lump on the side of his head. He had mixed up with Berry Thompson, the boss cook and viceroy of the kitchen. Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow, but that scarcely pays the proprietor for the broken dishes.

Officers for Orphans' Home.

The directors of the proposed orphans' home for the Indian Territory met at Ardmore Saturday and elected the following officers: President, G. H. Bratcher, of Ardmore; vice-president, B. G. Taylor, of Ryan; secretary, W. G. Wilkinson, of Comanche; treasurer, W. S. Wolverton, of Ardmore.

Want a Restraining Order.

Thomas Brown, by his attorney, C. B. Rogers, has petitioned Judge Gill for an order restraining Archie Landrum and others from operating a ferry across Grand river within one-half mile either side of the route operated by Brown's ferry.

DRILLING TO BE COMPLETED

Oil Expert Says That prospects are Excellent.

An expert oil well driller was here Sunday and examined the prospect well on the east side upon which work was stopped by the former contractor. The gentleman examined the deposits of sand and rock as taken from the various strata the drill passed through, and expressed great confidence that either oil or gas would be found at a greater depth. The well is now down 600 feet and the first move will be to case off the strong flow of artesian water.

The officers of the Downingville company which was originally incorporated for the purpose of drilling the well are now negotiating with an expert to complete the drilling and an agreement will be reached this afternoon or tomorrow when terms will be made public.

BARTLESVILLE WON.

Vinita Ball Players Again Defeated by Visiting Team.

Owing to the rain Sunday morning only about half of the regular attendance of fans witnessed the ball game between Bartlesville and Vinita teams.

Several good plays were made but as a rule the game was listless. The wet and muddy condition of the field was responsible, in part, for the many errors. The visitors won by a score of 5 to 4.

Next Sunday the Columbus Hoosiers, the team that played a 17 inning game here on Labor Day, will play a return game. This should insure a record breaking crowd, if the weather is favorable, as our boys will certainly strive to redeem themselves.

Colonist Fares.

Second class colonist fares, daily Sept. 15 to and including Oct. 15, 1904. San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Cal., and Phoenix, Arizona, and El Paso. From Vinita \$25. Continuous passage from starting point to destination. Stop overs will be allowed in California except at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Also very cheap colonist tickets on sale to many points in the northwest daily Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, 1904.